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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No.: 09/457,228

Filed: December 8, 1999

For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE
CONFIGURATION

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: B. Snow

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

In reply to the corrected Restriction Requirement dated October 9, 2001,
Applicant elects Group I for examination purposes and provisionally elects claims 57-
108, 114-120, and 146-200 drawn to Species 4, Figs. 16-19A for prosecution on the
merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

ALREADY ENTERED VIA PAPER NO. 7 AND 7A

Please cancel claims 121-130 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject
matter.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please amend Fig. 17 and substitute
the new formal drawings as requested in the Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
and Submission of Formal Drawings filed concurrently herewith.